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Art Unit 1651

In re application of:  
Tao Cheng

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312  
January 23, 2009

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Sir:

This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action for the above-referenced application ("Subject Application") mailed October 23, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period to respond that ends January 23, 2009. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2;

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 6 of this Response; and

The **Remarks** section begins on page 8 of this Response.